

# September Wild Alligator Harvest in Louisiana, 1972-2009 <sup>1</sup>

Year <sup>2</sup>	Commercial	Tags	Number	Percent	Avg T. L.	Skin Value		Meat <sup>4</sup>	
	Hunters	Issued	Taken	Success	in Feet	Avg/foot	Total	Amount (lbs)	Value
1972	59	1,961	1,350	68.8	6.92	\$8.10	\$75,670	3	3
1973	107	3,243	2,921	90.1	7.58	\$13.13	\$290,714	3	3
1975	191	4,645	4,420	95.2	7.51	\$7.88	\$261,570	3	3
1976	198	4,767	4,389	92.1	7.09	\$16.55	\$515,003	3	3
1977	236	5,760	5,474	95	7.35	\$12.23	\$492,061	3	3
1979	708	17,516	16,300	93	6.92	\$15.00	\$1,691,940	100,089	\$125,000
1980	796	19,134	17,692	92.5	6.59	\$13.00	\$1,515,674	100,089	\$125,000
1981	913	15,534	14,870	95.7	6.92	\$17.50	\$1,800,757	100,089	\$125,000
1982	1,184	18,188	17,142	94.2	6.82	\$13.50	\$1,578,264	100,089	\$125,000
1983	945	17,130	16,154	94.3	6.92	\$13.00	\$1,453,214	100,089	\$125,000
1984	1,104	18,386	17,389	94.6	6.99	\$21.00	\$2,552,531	100,089	\$125,000
1985	1,076	17,466	16,691	95.6	7.09	\$21.00	\$2,485,123	150,133	\$675,000
1986	1,207	23,267	22,429	96	6.92	\$23.00	\$3,569,800	310,275	\$1,395,000
1987	1,370	24,635	23,892	97	7.09	\$40.00	\$6,775,771	500,444	\$2,250,000
1988	1,545	24,111	23,526	98	7.25	\$48.00	\$8,187,048	600,533	\$3,000,000
1989	1,769	25,492	24,846	97.4	7.25	\$50.00	\$9,006,675	747,448	\$3,000,000
1990	1,916	25,920	25,644	98.9	7.25	\$57.00	\$10,597,383	701,063	\$3,000,000
1991	2,001	24,646	24,011	97.4	7.45	\$32.00	\$5,724,222	684,109	\$2,935,000
1992	1,696	25,551	24,313	95.2	7.25	\$23.00	\$4,054,193	687,835	\$2,951,520
1993	1,702	24,805	23,991	96.7	7.25	\$23.00	\$4,000,499	687,615	\$2,889,000
1994	1,774	27,694	27,120	97.9	7.35	\$37.00	\$7,375,284	771,610	\$3,243,000
1995	1,877	28,931	28,442	98.3	7.35	\$41.00	\$8,570,997	809,088	\$3,400,000
1996	1,947	26,578	25,793	97.0	7.41	\$25.00	\$4,778,153	734,793	\$3,967,800
1997	1,973	29,900	29,085	97.3	7.08	\$18.00	\$3,706,592	828,423	\$4,473,000
1998	1,888	30,198	28,639	94.8	7.08	\$15.00	\$3,041,462	804,679	\$4,350,000
1999 regular	1,902	33,239	32,064	96.5	7.17	\$22.00	\$5,057,775	909,398	\$4,881,000
1999 bonus		3,348	3,206	95.8	5.75	\$15.50	\$285,735	44,335	\$237,250
2000 regular	1,941	31,999	30,532	95.4	7.17	\$27.00	\$5,910,690	1,061,903	\$5,702,419
2000 bonus		3,299	3,146	95.4	5.75	\$23.00	\$416,059	56,785	\$303,801
2001 regular	1,916	32,669	31,867	97.5	7.33	\$22.00	\$5,138,872	732,941	\$3,298,235
2001 bonus		3,402	3,281	96.4	5.83	\$20.00	\$382,565	75,463	\$339,584
2002 regular	1,955	31,757	30,451	95.9	7.25	\$16.00	\$3,532,316	700,373	\$3,151,679
2002 bonus		3,370	2,932	87.0	5.83	\$16.00	\$273,497	67,436	\$303,462
2003 regular	1,873	30,513	28,555	93.6	7.17	\$13.00	\$2,661,612	656,765	\$2,955,443
2003 bonus		3,290	3,026	92.0	5.83	\$13.00	\$229,341	69,598	\$313,191
2004 regular	1,859	31,530	30,406	96.4	7.17	\$22.50	\$4,905,248	699,338	\$3,147,021
2004 bonus		3,705	3,518	95.0	5.83	\$22.50	\$461,474	80,914	\$364,113
2005 regular	1,933	32,487	27,668	85.2	7.25	\$34.50	\$6,920,459	636,364	\$2,863,638
2005 bonus		4,078	3,507	86.0	5.83	\$34.50	\$705,380	80,661	\$362,975
2006 regular	1,872	28,501	27,316	95.8	7.42	\$39.00	\$7,904,704	628,268	\$2,827,206
2006 bonus		3,710	3,538	95.4	6.00	\$39.00	\$827,892	81,374	\$366,183
<u>2007 regular</u>	2,051	33,498	31,127	92.9	7.50	\$38.50	\$8,987,921	715,921	\$3,221,645
<u>2007 bonus</u>		4,226	3,884	91.9	6.00	\$38.50	\$897,204	89,332	\$401,994
<u>2008 regular</u>	2,222	36,299	31,776	87.5	7.50	\$34.50	\$8,222,040	730,848	\$3,288,816
<u>2008 bonus</u>		4,425	3,851	87.0	6.00	\$34.50	\$797,157	88,573	\$398,579
<u>2009 <sup>5</sup></u>	1,687	24,427	8,910	36.5	7.50	\$7.50	\$501,188	204,930	\$922,185

1 Does not include Salvador WMA harvests from 1972-2003 and Marsh Island experimental, nuisance, and farm harvests from 1972-present.

2 The bonus tag program was initiated in 1999 to increase the overall number of wild alligators harvested without putting any additional pressure on the 6' and over portion of the wild population. The bonus tag program was suspended in 2009.

3 Sale of meat not permitted; La. Health Department regulations first allowed meat sales in 1979.

4 Bone in from 1979-1984, deboned from 1985-present.

5 Worldwide economic recession caused alligator hide demand to decline dramatically.

Subject to change, numbers updated March 17, 2010.